

PROCLAMATION CONVENING THE LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION

To the Members of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

More of the electors of our state are absent and fighting in defense of our country in all parts of the world than ever before in the history of the nation. If the principle of rule by majority vote of the electors is to be maintained it is necessary that arrangements be made so that they may vote in the coming general election. The history of the war to date shows that wounded, sick, and disabled members of our fighting forces are now returning to the state in greater numbers than ever before. All of them are entitled to the aid of the state in securing proper rehabilitation and adjustment of the conditions resulting from the sacrifice they have made for the general good. These and other conditions resulting from the state's participation in a war of world-wide extent have created an extraordinary occasion authorizing and requiring a special session of the legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M Q Sharpe, Governor of the state of South Dakota, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 4 of the constitution of South Dakota, do hereby convene the legislature in a special session to be known as the World War II Special Session, for the purpose of considering legislation of special and emergency nature relating to the rights and interests of citizens of our state now engaged in the war effort of the nation. All members of the legislature are accordingly called upon to assemble at the Hall of the House of Representatives, at the Capitol Building, in the City of Pierre, South Dakota, on Monday, the tenth day of July 1944, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Done at Pierre, the Capital of South Dakota, this twenty-seventh day of June 1944.

ATTEST:

Mrs. L.M. Larsen, Secretary of State

By Kate P. Young
Kate P. Young, Assistant Secretary of State

M. Q. Sharpe
M Q Sharpe, Governor of South
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